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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 AND SUBMISSION OF NEW EVIDENCE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2008, and prior to a decision by the Board of Appeals, Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Prosecution pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a)(1) with the appropriate fee and with the following submission of remarks and new evidence in support of patentability in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.